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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **SHOJI, Yukio, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1723**

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Examiner: **Joseph W. DRODGE**

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For: **FILTER FOR TRAPPING FOREIGN MATTER**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -**  
**GROUP ART UNIT 1723**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 21, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 7, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.